## Our Savior Lutheran Church

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Our Savior Lutheran Church 1105 W. Fern Ave. McAllen, TX 78501

# Worship with us every Sunday.

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am. We also invite everyone to worship with us online. You can watch Sunday's service on our Facebook page (Our Savior McAllen—ELCA), and on our YouTube page. (You can find us by searching for 'Our Savior Lutheran Church McAllen').

Please stay tuned for further updates.

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### Pastor's Newsletter Article

Greetings as we head into the summer. My thanks to so many who contributed to making this past school year at church a good place to be. I especially want to acknowledge the Sunday School teachers who have dedicated the whole year to teaching our children, youth and adults—Tonia Herzberg, Dawn Everson, and Van Slusser. My thanks also to Pastor Jim Wilken for taking a couple of series in the Thursday morning bible study time. Studying God's Word is always a necessity for staying close to His presence and growing. Also, our thanks to the parents who have seen the importance of the spiritual growth for their children.....June is a month of activity before we enter the quiet days of July. The LOST group is planning a beach trip the first full week of the month and will help with VBS leadership the second week. Cathy Graham and I will head to New Braunfels the 10th through the 12th for the Synod Assembly . . . . . I will be in Mexico for vacation time between June 20th and July 5th. Cathy and Pastor Jim will cover for me during the break.......May all of you find time to relax and rest during this slowdown in our church activities. Certain ones never rest—worship, piecemakers, food pantry, fellowship, and summer camp at Chrysalis. Stay safe on all your travels, and share the Love of Christ wherever you go. Pastor Steve.

## **Dad's Perfect Gift**

by Lill Pluta

I picked some yellow flowers
that were growing in our yard,
put them in a fancy vase,
and made my dad a card.
My sister laughed and boldly said,
"Your gift is very silly.

Dads like ties and grills and tools,
not stuff that's sweet and frilly."
But when I gave my dad his gift,
his face was all aglow.

"Why thank you, son, for pulling weeds, now I'll have less to mow."

#### **SCRIP INFORMATION**

Scrip orders will be placed on 6/19/22 for delivery on 6/26/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY APRIL 2022**

Income for April was \$21,364 and was less than planned for by -\$4,630. Expenses for April were \$23,189 and were less than the planned expenses by \$1,357. April income of \$21,364 less April expenses of \$23,189 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$1,825. YTD income of \$93,787.16 less YTD expenses of \$100,091.47 leaves us with a loss of \$6,304. We have probably booked another group in June to stay in the LFC and have booked another event for the Fellowship Hall in June. This will help to bring in added revenue. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## We Are Saved by Grace Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God.

God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works. Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Grace alone means that God loves, forgives, and saves us not because of who we are or what we do, but because of the work of Christ.

The story is told about David Green (Hobby Lobby Founder) who grew up in Altus, Oklahoma where his father was a Christian pastor with a congregation of 35. All five of his siblings are pastors or pastors' wives. He asserts that he has built his business on biblical principles. Green is very supportive of Christian organizations and is one of the largest individual donors to Evangelical causes in the United States. Maintaining the belief that the essence of the Gospel consists of the doctrine of salvation by grace alone, solely through faith in Jesus' atonement. Thus, the **Hobby Lobby** stores are closed on Sundays.

And the story continues: In 1970, while a store manager of a local five-and-dime as a teenager. Marrying his high school sweetheart, the young couple began a small picture-frame shop. By 1972, they opened their first retail store. Green and his wife were able to open a 300 square-foot store in northwest Oklahoma City called Hobby Lobby. In 1975, Green opened a second Hobby Lobby location with 6,000 square feet of space. Green commits half of Hobby Lobby's total pretax earnings to a portfolio of evangelical ministries, and as of 2012, he had donated an estimated \$500 million. Green lives in southwest Oklahoma City with his wife, Barbara. Hobby Lobby is owned by them and their three children.

"The measure of my life, and yours, is not how much money we accumulate or how many trophies we collect. It is rather the way in which we align ourselves with God's purposes, and thereby impact eternity. In other words, all this daily activity that so consumes us—it's meant to be more than a hobby, or even a career. We are here on this planet for a serious reason. Whatever time is left, I intend to make the most of it." Taken from David Green's book entitled "More Than A Hobby".

Other verses regarding saved by faith:

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

The First Letter of Paul to Timothy 1 Timothy 1:15-16 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life

Submitted by Wanda Nebiolo

Taken from internet and the Holy Bible

## Don't Let Your Offerings Take A Holiday

Ahhh, Summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

**Pay in advance:** Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

*Make it up:* When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

**Use your envelopes:** Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: if you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

**Use banking bill pay:** Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done!

**Enroll in electronic giving:** Use the congregation's online giving portal to regularize your gift, tithe or offering.

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current. Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched, and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

--Rob Blezard

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#### **UPDATING OSLC DIRECTORY**

If you have not completed the form to update our directory, please contact the church office to give your information, i.e., address, phone number, email. If you are a Winter Texan, please supply your northern—northern address, etc. Because you are important tp us, we would like to keep you informed of the happenings here at Our Savior via the newsletter. Please let us know if you are not receiving the newsletter.

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